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(Illustrated in color on front cover.)
Beloved for its freshness and color,
the popular Geranium always
brings welcome cheer and hominess
to a window ledge or a dark corner
anywhere. 3 blossoms (in white,
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#### 2 · Cyclamen

At the peak of bloom and always greenhouse-fresh, these cyclamen nestle above their own deep green leaves. Flowers in white, light pink, dark pink or cherry red. 8 flowers, 3 buds and leaves. 4½-inch white pot. Arrangement 14" high. \$6.50



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Dewy-fresh centerpiece equally fine
on a formal dinner table or an
informal buffet. Radiant,
incredibly life-like lilies nestling
on crystal dish, 8 inches square.
White, pink, yellow or blue
blossoms on green leaves.
As illustrated \$5.75
Water Lily separately \$3.50



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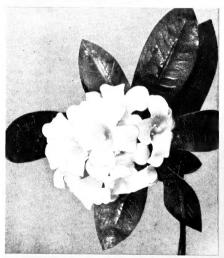
An unusual and interesting effect is created with this new treatment of everybody's favorite flower. White, pink, dark red or yellow sweetheart roses. 24 buds and flowers with leaves in 3" white pot.

Miniature tree 7" high. \$7.50

Sizes are given for all arrangements:
Please note before you order.

#### 6 ·

A wonderful flower for your own arrangements. Easily tied into your natural foliage for a true-to-life



effect. White, pink, soft yellow, dark red. One cluster mounted on wire stem, ready to insert with your natural foliage. \$2.25. One cluster mounted on wax leaves, as illustrated. \$4.25

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#### FLOWERS

Create your own individual arrangements or choose a blossom or two for a favorite container from this wide variety of beautiful flower masterpieces. Arrange them exactly as fresh flowers, use flower holders. moss or clay.

8 . AFRICAN DAISIES White, pink, yellow or orange. 12-inch	
stem. Per flower	\$1.00
9. AURATUM LILIES Gold banded and speckled on white	
2 flowers and 2 buds. Per spray	
10. BOUVARDIA White only. 6 blossoms, 4 buds and leaves	
14" spray	
11. CALLA LILIES (LARGE) White or yellow. 2 leaves, 24" spray	
12. CALLA LILIES (SMALL) White or yellow, I leaf with each	
lily on 12-inch stem. Per spray 13. CAMELLIAS White, pale pink, dark pink or bright red.	
Per flower	
14. CHESTNUT BLOSSOMS White. 2 clusters 30" spray	
15. CLOVER White or pink. 3 blossoms. 12" spray	
16 . CHRISTMAS ROSE White. 3 flowers and foliage on short	
stem. Per spray	
17 DAFFORMS 1 flower and 3 leaves 18 inches long Fach	\$ 75
18. DAY LILIES White, yellow or pink. 3 flowers, 1 bud and	
leaves on a 20-inch spray. Per spray	\$2.25
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24 inches long. Per spray	
20 . DELPHINIUMS (DOUBLE) Light blue, dark blue. 28" spray	\$3.50
21. GLADIOLI White, pink, yellow or red. 4 flowers and 3	4
buds to each 24-inch spray. Per spray  22 . GRAPE HYACINTHS White, pink, pale blue, dark blue or	\$3.50
vellow 9 flowers and leaves on each spray Per spray	\$ 70
yellow. 2 flowers and leaves on each spray. Per spray 23. PANSIES White or yellow. 2 flowers, 1 bud. 12" spray	\$1.50
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leaves on 24-inch stem. Per spray	
26 . QUEEN ANNE'S LACE White only. 1 large flower with 1	
small flower and leaves. 24 inches long. Per spray	
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and 2 buds on 15-inch spray. Per spray 29. SNAPDRAGONS (MEDIUM) White, pink or yellow. 8 flowers	\$1.50
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and some buds on 30-inch spray. Per spray	\$3.50
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32. SWEETHEART ROSES White, pink, yellow or dark red.	
flower and 2 buds on a 9-inch spray. Per spray	
33 . SWEET PEAS White or pink. Per spray	
34. STOCKS White or yellow. 24 inches long. Per spray	\$2.00
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18 inches long. Each	\$ .75

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Inspired touch for a dining room table, piano or console. Flat glass dish with 4 clusters of blossoms and dried and prepared natural magnolia leaves. White, pink or yellow blossoms. Complete as illustrated, \$17.50. Magnolia Cluster with foliage, each, \$3.50





\$8.50



(left)

#### 38 · Sweetheart Roses

Made for one another, the graceful white cachepot is a perfect complement for these 30 lovely Sweetheart buds and Roses. White, pink, dark red or yellow roses. Cachepot, 4½ inches; arrangement 9 inches high overall. \$9.50

**39. INDIVIDUAL SPRAY OF SWEETHEART ROSES** each with flower and 2 buds, same colors as above. Per spray \$ .75

(left)

#### 37 · Sweetheart Roses and Lily-of-the-Valley

With true floral artistry, Lily-of-the-valley and Sweetheart Roses are skillfully blended for an exquisite effect and arranged to be viewed from both sides. The antiqued Grecian pot is a distinctive accessory in itself. Available with yellow, red, pink or white roses. Pot 4" high; arrangement 9½". \$15.00

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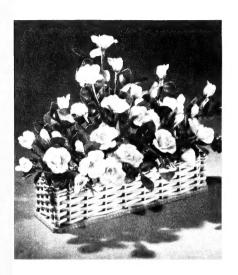
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in your choice of colors.



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54. IVY 28 inches long with 26 leaves. Per spray \$2.25 Per spray \$1.25
55 . MAGNOLIA FLOWERS White, pink or yellow. Six petals to each flower, 6-inch spread. Per flower \$2.50
<b>56. PHILODENDRON</b> 28 inches long with 27 leaves.
Per spray \$2.25
18 inches long with 10 leaves. Per spray \$1.25
57. PITTOSPORUM Three heavily foliaged branches to each 24-inch spray.  Per spray \$2.50
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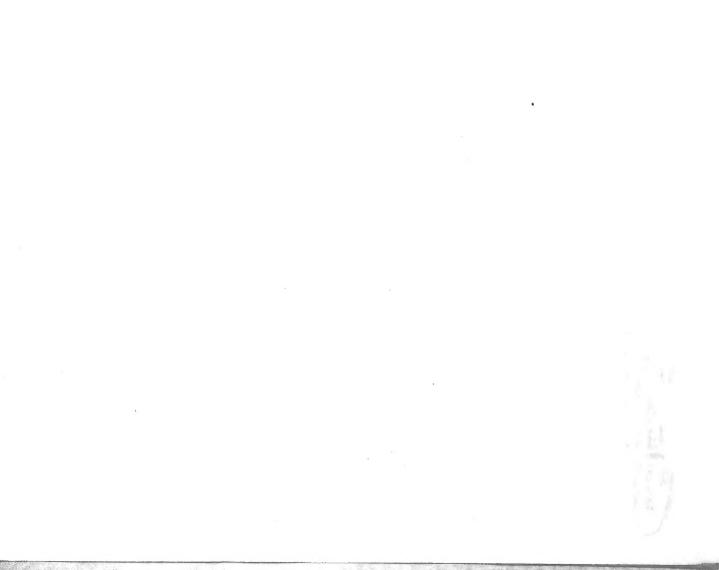
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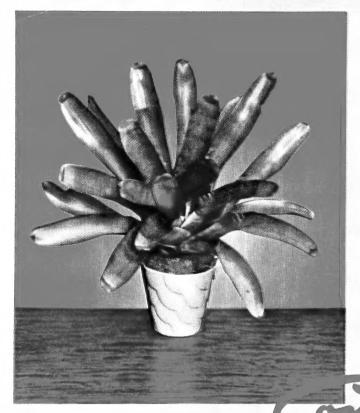


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